



Sidewalk Chalk

Monthly e-newsletter

OUR VISION

All children in Randolph County enter kindergarten healthy & ready to succeed in school and life.

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"Live in the sunshine. Swim in the sea. Drink in the wild air."

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Inspirations

I am participating in a Leadership Transformation Table series. Last week's lesson was on listening and focusing one's attention on understanding the other person. Our lesson began with a quote from Ralph Nichols.

"The most basic of all human needs is the need to understand and be understood. The best way to understand people is to listen to them."

From there, we went deeper into how to set aside internal and external distractions and be fully engaged and fully present while another person is talking.

When I visit our early childhood classrooms throughout the county, I've noticed how our early educators often will bend down during a conversation to be at



eye level with the little one. I love seeing this! Those educators understand how important it is to that child at that moment to be heard and understood. Bringing oneself to eye level is a powerful communication to the child as it denotes focus and full engagement. And full engagement is hard to do when there's a classroom full of other students! While that level of focus may be brief—just an exchange of a couple of sentences or two—it is a powerful interaction that leads to respect, trust, and mutual understanding.

In our modern world of continuous information and distractions, it's incredibly tempting at times to tune out even those most important to us. While it's a safe bet that the future will bring even more ubiquitous technologies that compete for our attention, I'll bet that our young children who are having those eye-level conversations will authentically grasp the importance of listening to understand.

Lisa Hayworth

Executive Director

International Mud Day

Wednesday, June 29 is **International Mud Day**! Half the fun of summer is getting to play (and get dirty) in the mud. Dirt and mud also help regulate mood, inspire creativity, and boost the immune system.

Quick facts about **International Mud Day**:

- Began in 2009 at the World Forum for Early Childhood Care and Education in Belfast, Northern Ireland
- Celebrated all over the world at the end of June. This year, it will be celebrated on Wednesday, June 29.
- Created to connect children to the Earth and soil, and promote exploring through movement and play in wonderfully messy mud!



Ways you can celebrate:

- Make mud! Let your little ones mix dirt and water to create their own mud.
- Paint with mud on an old sheet, on the sidewalk, or on a wall.
- Build with mud using molds or freestyle.
- “Bake” with mud in a mud kitchen.
- Bring the mud inside. Put dirt in a container like a plastic tub and add water.
- Don't be afraid to get dirty!
- Donate clothes to nurseries/child care centers for children who need clothes they can wear to get dirty.



Blackberry Picking

RPC staff members were invited to Millstone Creek Orchards on June 13 to pick blackberries.

The berries, donated by the orchard, were paired with vanilla yogurt donated by Pinnacle Financial Partners and granola donated by RPC. The berry wonderful taste-of-summer packages were then given out to child care centers.



Deliveries to 38 centers were made on Tuesday, June 14. A huge thank you to Candy Allen and Liane Locke from Pinnacle Financial Partners, who helped deliver to five of the centers.

The blackberry snack packages served as the June appreciation outreach to early educators in Randolph County. The effort was also the June challenge service project for the 2022 Human Race.

Pictured from left: Patty Sullivan, Sara Stephenson, Beverly Mooney, Kim Radcliffe, Lisa Hayworth, and Andee Edelson.

We're Growing

Randolph Partnership for Children is growing! Thanks to an increase in funding

for 2022-23 (the first increase in over a decade), this summer we are adding a brand new position. We are pleased to announce RPC is currently accepting applications for the position of **Bilingual Coordinator of Family Support Services**.

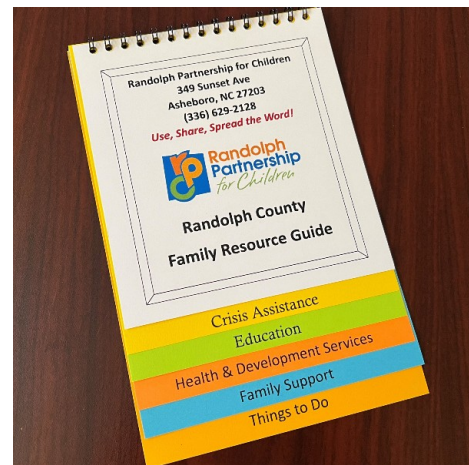
This new position will be responsible for implementing and managing Partnership parent education and family support activities and promoting a comprehensive, seamless continuum of services within the community that will help create family environments conducive to the healthy growth and development of children. We are seeking a dual-language speaker (English & Spanish) for this position.

JOB POSTING

Street Resource Fair

Summer brings community events! This month, RPC will have an informational booth on Farr Street in Asheboro during the Community Street Resource Fair on Saturday, June 25 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

We'll have resource flip guides, program information, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library informational brochures & application forms, free gently used books, The Basics Randolph bookmarks, and more!



RPC Night at the Zookeepers

Baseball is a big part of summer family fun. Be sure to come out to McCrary Park on Friday, July 15, for Randolph Partnership for Children Night with the Zookeepers, sponsored by Pinnacle Financial Partners.

Our local Zookeepers team will wear jerseys designed for this night ONLY during the game against the Peninsula Pilots. There will be a silent auction for the jerseys while the game is played. Auction winners will receive their signed jerseys that evening right off the backs of the players!



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Penciled In

- **Tuesday, June 21, 8:15 AM:** Board of Directors
- **Thursday, June 23, 1 PM:** Sustainability Committee
- **Thursday, June 23, 4 PM:** Randolph ChAMPS
- **Monday, July 4:** Offices Closed
- **Tuesday, July 5:** Offices Closed
- **Friday, July 15, 7 PM:** Randolph Partnership for Children Night sponsored by Pinnacle Financial Partners at Zookeepers Baseball
- **Wednesday, July 20, Noon:** Family Engagement & Leadership Coalition



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